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REMARKS

This communication is considered fully responsive to the Office Action mailed February 2, 2004. Claims 2, 4-7, 9, 11, 13-16, 18, 20, 22-25, and 27 are amended, and no new claims are added. In addition, claims 1, 10, and 19 are cancelled in the interest of obtaining a rapid issuance of a patent from this application. The Applicant intends to substantively pursue allowance of the cancelled claims in a continuing application. Therefore, claims 2-9, 11-18, and 20-27 are presented for reconsideration and reexamination.

Claim Objections

The Office has objected to informalities in claims 9, 18, and 27, relating to a purported lack of antecedent basis for the terms "the request", "the http status code", and "the request type". Claims 9, 18, and 27 have been amended to resolve these objections. Withdrawal of the claim objections for claims 9, 18, 27 is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office has indicated that claims 7, 8, 16, 17, 25, and 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has amended claims 7, 16, and 25 into independent form to include the limitations of their respective base claims. Claims 8, 17, and 26 require no amendment as they now depend from allowable independent claims. Accordingly, allowance of claims 7, 8, 16, 17, 25, and 26 is respectfully requested.

1 **Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102**

2 Claims 1-4, 10-13, and 19-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as
3 being purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No.
4 2004/0015879, filed by Pauw et al. (Pauw). The Applicant notes that the filing
5 date of the published application (Jan. 2, 2002) does not predate the filing date of
6 the present application. Therefore, the Office is apparently relying on the filing
7 date of the provisional application from which Pauw claims priority (March 23,
8 2001).

9 Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e) and 120, the filing date of the provisional
10 application is only available under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) if the prior application
11 properly supports the subject matter used to make the rejection. See
12 MPEP § 706.02(a) and (f). The provisional application was not provided to the
13 Applicant with the Office action, so the Undersigned is taking steps to obtain a
14 copy from the Office under 37 C.F.R §1.14.

15 Accordingly, rather than delay issuance of the allowable claims in order to
16 consider whether the requisite subject matter is adequately disclosed in the
17 provisional application to support a rejection, the Applicant has elected to pursue
18 the cancelled claims in a continuation application. Notwithstanding this
19 prosecution strategy, the Applicant reserves the right to traverse any rejection
20 based on Pauw of all claims that claim benefit of the present application.

21 Accordingly, claims 1, 10 and 19 have been cancelled and claims 2, 4, 11,
22 13, 20, and 22 have been amended to depend from the allowable base claims 7, 16,
23 and 25. Claims 3, 12, and 21 have not been amended but now depend from the
24 one of the allowable base claims 7, 16, and 25. Claims 2-4, 11-13, and 20-22 are
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1 now believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 7, 16, and 25.
2 Accordingly, allowance of claims 2-4, 11-13, and 20-22 is respectfully requested.
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4 **Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103**

5 Claims 5-6, 9, 14-15, 18, 23-24, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §
6 103(a) as being purportedly unpatentable over Pauw. Again, the Applicant
7 reserves the right to traverse any rejection based on Pauw of all claims that claim
8 benefit of the present application.

9 Nevertheless, claims 5-6, 9, 14-15, 18, 23-24, and 27 have been amended to
10 depend from one of the allowable base claims 7, 16, and 25. Claims 5-6, 9, 14-15,
11 18, 23-24, and 27 are now believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as
12 claims 7, 16, and 25. Accordingly, allowance of claims 5-6, 9, 14-15, 18, 23-24,
13 and 27 is respectfully requested.

14 **Conclusion**

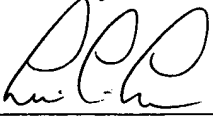
15 Based on the amendments and remarks submitted herein, the Applicant
16 respectfully requests allowance of claims 2-9, 11-18, and 20-27 in this matter.
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1 **Conclusion**

2 Claims 2-9, 11-18, and 20-27 are in condition for allowance. Applicant
3 respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application. If any issue
4 remains unresolved that would prevent issuance of this case, the Examiner is
5 requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

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